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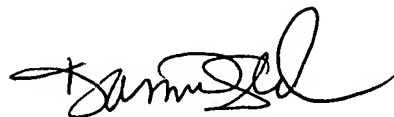
1. The Reply Brief, filed 10/25/2006, has been received, carefully reviewed and entered. All issues have been addressed in the Examiner's Answer. It is further noted that the Examiner in the Examiners Answer has addressed Appellants arguments discussed in the General Remarks of the Reply Brief beginning on Page 3 dated 7 September 2006. Specifically the arguments regarding the inherency of "aspect ratio" are addressed in the beginning of the Response to Argument, Section 10, Page 8 in addition to Sections 10.1 and 10.10. The application is being forwarded to the Board of Appeals for further consideration.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Saif A. Alhija whose telephone number is (571) 272-8635. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 11:00-7:30.

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